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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Gerard *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/245,025

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For: **Compositions and Methods for  
Reverse Transcription of Nucleic  
Acid Molecules**

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**Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for replying to the outstanding Office Action be extended three (3) months from November 14, 2001 to February 14, 2002 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$920.00 for a three (3) month extension for a large entity. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge \$920.00 in payment of this fee to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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